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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, BR

SUBJECT:LETTER FROM BECHTEL TO MINISTER UEKI

REF: BRAZIL 2691

1. DEPT. BELIEVES MATTER IN LETTER CONVEYED REFTEL IS OF
CONSIDERABLE DELICACY AND BELIEVES IT NECESSARY TO CLARIFY
THE SITUATION WITH BECHTEL, FRG, AND BRAZIL.

2. WE HAVE BEEN IN INITIAL CONTACT WITH BECHTEL, AND
BECHTEL RECOGNIZES THAT LETTER TO UEKI WAS INCORRECT
REFLECTION OF US POLICY. POINTS BELOW (PARA 4) WILL BE

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CAREFULLY REVIEWED WITH BECHTEL, AND SUBSEQUENT LETTER

COMMUNICATION FROM BECHTEL TO UEKI MAY BE CALLED FOR.

3. IN VIEW OF ASSURANCES WHICH HAVE BEEN RECENTLY CONVEYED TO FRG AND FRG SENSITIVITIES ON THIS MATTER, EMBASSY BRASILIA IS INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY CLARIFYING POINTS IN PARA 4 BELOW TO GOB, IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIALS (UEKI AND BATISTA) UNDERSTAND US POLICY IN THIS AREA.

4. THE USG WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY FOR BRAZIL CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF US POLICY, AS RELATED TO COOPERATION BETWEEN THE

US AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT. SUCH CLARIFICATION IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT IN VIEW OF A LETTER RECENTLY FORWARDED TO MINISTER UEKI FROM THE AMERICAN UEA GROUP, WHICH WE BELIEVE CONVEYED AN INACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF US POLICY ON SUCH COOPERATION.

A. THE US FULLY INTENDS TO BE A RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES IN THE FUTURE, AS HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO THE GOB.

B. THE US INTENTION IS THAT THE NEXT INCREMENT OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT CAPACITY IN THE US WILL BE INSTALLED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. AS ONE OF THE INTERESTED US ENTITIES, UEA CAN DISCUSS WITH FOREIGN ENTITIES THE POSSIBILITY OF INVESTMENT IN SUCH AN INCREMENT OF ENRICHMENT CAPACITY, UNDER APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS.

C. WITH REGARD TO SITING OF COOPERATIVE URANIUM ENRICHMENT VENTURES OUTSIDE THE US, THE US IS IN PRINCIPLE AGREEABLE TO THE EXPLORATION BY AUTHORIZED PRIVATE COMPANIES OF SUCH POSSIBILITIES, FOR PLANTS TO BE BUILT AFTER THE NEXT US DOMESTIC PLANT. ANY DECISIONS ON SPECIFIC POTENTIAL VENTURES WOULD BE TAKEN AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE FUTURE.

D. THUS THE GOB SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE UEA LETTER DOES NOT SIGNIFY THAT THE USG HAS EITHER APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED SITING OF AN ENRICHMENT PLANT IN BRAZIL, OR IN
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ANY OTHER SPECIFIC LOCATION, AND THAT SUCH A DECISION IS AT LEAST A FEW YEARS IN THE FUTURE.

E. FINALLY, FOR THE PRESENT AND NEAR FUTURE, NO CONNECTION BETWEEN SALES OF US REACTORS AND THE AVAILABILITY TO FOREIGN ENTITIES OF US ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY IS POSSIBLE.

F. THESE POINTS ARE MADE IN THE INTEREST OF COMPLETE

UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE US AND BRAZIL, TO EXPEDITE
DISCUSSION OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR
COUNTRIES. THIS CLARIFICATION HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH
UEA, WHICH MAY BE IN FURTHER CONTACT.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL SUMMARIZE POINTS IN PARA 4, B,C,D, AND
E TO FRG EMBASSY WITHOUT DISCUSSION OF THE SPECIFIC
LANGUAGE OF THE UEA LETTER. EMBASSY BONN IS AUTHORIZED
TO DO SAME AT ITS DISCRETION. KISSINGER

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